

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Sweeting
Application No. : 10/689,185 Confirmation No. : 2702
Filed : October 20, 2003
For : System and method for providing futures contracts in a
financial market environment
Group Art Unit : 3694
Examiner : Abdul Basit
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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Regarding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability of January 24, 2011, Applicant does not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the Reasons for Allowance, or with any other characterization or rejection of the claims that the Examiner may have made during prosecution of this application. Accordingly, this statement as well as any other statement, amendment, or silence on Applicant's part in no way means or implies that Applicant has in any way disavowed or abandoned any subject matter or claim scope as a result of the Examiner's characterizations or rejections.

In particular, regarding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant (i) does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's comments regarding any analysis of the claims and references, and (ii) does not necessarily agree or disagree with any characterization of the claims made by the Examiner in discussing the claims and references.

Respectfully submitted,

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